

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

The H-Bomb And
World Peace

THE revelation that Russia has perfected and successfully detonated a hydrogen bomb is sobering rather than startling. For some time it has been realised that the United States could not hope to retain permanently the secret of manufacturing and exploding this destructive atomic-nuclear weapon. Russia, at least in its knowledge about the H-bomb, is now on equal footing with America.

The important question is how this development is likely to affect Russia's attitude at the UN Disarmament Commission meetings. For ten years it has been uncompromising; it is possible it will become even tougher. The Soviets are bound to feel they can now speak from a position of strength and will, in consequence, be more inclined to insist that their disarmament plan is the only one acceptable. The prospects for the latest round of disarmament discussions now taking place in New York yielding anything positive cannot be regarded as too encouraging.

Apart from its effects on international disarmament talks, the world will wonder if Russia's possession of the H-bomb will stimulate or put a brake on the Communists' aggressive ambitions.

If they were not convinced before, the Soviets now fully appreciate that employment of the hydrogen bomb means annihilation. That, irrespective of comparative sizes of stockpiles, no country could "win" a war in which thermo-nuclear weapons were used. This being so it is reasonable to hope that the existence of these appalling weapons will serve as a deterrent to international war.

This, however, is not enough. The world cannot indefinitely continue in a state of "armed peace." Eventually there has to be an explosion. Rational international disarmament is a better guarantee for the peace of the world than the big powers being able to wave deterrent weapons at each other.

The onus, therefore, still rests on the major powers to find an acceptable formula for the reduction of conventional arms and the eventual abolition of nuclear weapons. The responsibility, now that Russia possesses all the known secrets about thermo-nuclear weapons, has to be equally shared. No longer can the Soviets complain that the Western nations can dictate from a position of power; wherefore the opportunity is now created for all-round concessions in a determined effort to find the best and most practicable plan for bringing about disarmament on a scale that will remove the fear as well as the danger of war.

UNDERWORLD IN EXILE

Italian gangsters get their marching orders in America and return to their homeland to provide another post-war headache for the Rome Government.

Read Henry Thody's account of the underworld in exile in tomorrow's China Mail.

Here are some other highlights in tomorrow's Mail.

- ★ Lullaby learn to make a crocheted-work luncheon set and dressing table set in our new series in the Practical Homecraft section.
 - ★ What awaits man on the planets? Robert Pitman takes up the story of Journey to the Stars.
 - ★ Why Attlee has not given up the leadership of the Labour Party — by Sir Beverley Baxter.
- There are also film reviews by Jane Roberts, three pages of local and overseas pictures, a full report on week-end sports in Hongkong as well as selections for the meeting at the Valley; there are cartoons, comic strips and puzzles for younger and children — and, of course, Gossip — All in the China Mail.

The Fall
Of Faure's
Cabinet
Predicted

Paris, Nov. 24. The fall of M. Edgar Faure's nine-month-old Cabinet next week was being forecast in the lobbies of the National Assembly tonight.

Among those mentioned as the possible next Prime Minister was 71-year-old Dr Henri Queuille, who held that post in 1951 at the time of the last general elections.

M. Faure's failure to get his December election plan adopted has undermined his authority. Also his attempts to shorten the life of the Assembly by pressing for an election before it is constitutionally due next summer have brought down on his head a secret but determined hostility of a great number of legislators in all parties except the Communists.

Their hostility was again evident today when the Assembly's Commission for Universal Suffrage deliberately put off till tomorrow consideration of the government's latest electoral reform plans. They were submitted yesterday.

M. Faure and his chief ministers considered the political situation at a meeting tonight. The Prime Minister was being urged by some of his ministers to make a third bid for early elections — on the last Sunday in January.

Other ministers advised the Prime Minister to drop the idea and to ask the Assembly for a vote of confidence on the government's general programme for the next few months.

The Faure government, France's 21st in 11 years, was constituted on February 23 last.

M. Faure told reporters after tonight's meeting: "The government remains faithful to its line of holding elections as early as possible, if not in December at least in January." —Reuter.

Surprising
Decision

Athens, Nov. 24. Greece, which is demanding that Britain give self-determination to Cyprus, announced tonight it will oppose any attempt to separate Algeria from France.

A government spokesman announced Greece's support for France in the United Nations. His statement caused undiluted surprise in diplomatic circles here.

The government spokesman said Greece will vote with France in accordance with the two countries' obligations under NATO.

He pointed out that Algeria is part of Metropolitan France and said Greece's UN delegation will support the two-thirds majority necessary to carry out Colombia's proposal to strike Algeria off the UN agenda.

Observers here noted in connection with the announcement that Britain is likewise a NATO signatory and Cyprus is a major British defence base. —United Press.

Terrorists Killed

Algiers, Nov. 24. Nine persons, including seven terrorists, were killed in attacks which occurred in Algeria during the past 24 hours, it was disclosed today. The two other dead were a police commissioner, who was killed by a terrorist here, and a forest ranger, who was shot dead in the Kabylie mountain area. The attackers escaped in both incidents. —France-Press.

EMBASSY SPY PLOT
Microphones Discovered In Envoy's Room

LINE IS TRACED TO A
LONDON SHOP

London, Nov. 24. One of the strangest plots in the history of Communist and anti-Communist intrigue has been uncovered in the Czech Embassy in London.

According to top-level sources in London this is what happened: The Czech Ambassador, Georg Hajek, discovered one day a few weeks ago that someone had planted microphones in his room.

He immediately reported the find to his government in Prague.

His government asked for help from the British Ambassador in Prague who passed on the request to the British Foreign Office.

The Foreign Office instigated a formal investigation.

The microphones were traced to a shop in London's Brompton Road—a slightly seedy spot on the edge of Chelsea.

The implication was that a foreigner who appeared to be of Czech nationality had bought them there some considerable time before.

Some sources say he was actually an employee of the Embassy in any case he apparently had ready access to the Embassy. Sources who say he was an employee believe he may have smuggled in the microphones while the Embassy was being moved from one building to another about two months before the previous Ambassador, Josef Ullrich left last May to become the permanent Czech representative to the United Nations.

The Foreign Office is believed to have decided that the investigation had settled the matter. But it may not be so simple as that.

INSTALLED FIVE
YEARS AGO

A Czech Embassy spokesman who was told of the reports said: "I think something of the kind you describe did happen. But it was in 1949 or 1950. And it was not an employee of the Embassy who bought the microphones."

He declined to elaborate, adding hastily: "Most of what I know is what people have told me." But he was presumably implying that the microphones had been in use for several years.

Some sources on the British side take this view too. And it apparently makes a considerable difference. For there is a striking difference in the backgrounds between the present Ambassador and his predecessor.

TOP SECURITY
OFFICER

Ullrich was a top man in the security section of the Czech Foreign Office before he came to London, and his current job at UNO is one of the plums of the service.

Hajek is a former Social Democrat who turned Communist at the time of the Red coup and later gave up his post as a professor of international relations to become a diplomat.

If the spying went on through both regimes it was, probably not government-instigated. And that would explain the amateurishness of it.

What government would buy microphones in London and leave a clear trail if it were engaged in official spying?

FABULOUS AMOUNT
OF LUCK

Free Czechs in London insist that it was a simple case of Red spying on Reds.

But it looks as though it may have been anti-Red Czechs with a fabulous amount of luck who did the job. If so they may have obtained valuable information about Communist views, plans and tactics.

At the moment the Foreign Office is officially unable to comment because Conservative MP John Hall is asking the Foreign Secretary about the issue in the House of Commons next week.

His question reads: "What was the nature of the complaint for consideration?"

Commons To
Vote On Death
Penalty

London, Nov. 24. The House of Commons is to have a "free vote" to decide whether Britain should retain the death penalty or not.

The date has not yet been fixed but it will not be before Christmas.

Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, announced this in the Commons after Mr Sydney Silverman, a Labour member, had tried to set the time for a debate on his Private Members bill seeking to abolish hanging.

Mr Silverman was unsuccessful, the Prime Minister saying it could not have preferential treatment over other members' private bills.

The last time the Commons voted on this issue was in February this year when it decided to retain the death penalty by 245 votes to 214. —Reuter.

Plane Dives
Into Sea
THREE DROWNED

Vancouver, Nov. 24. Three persons were presumed drowned this afternoon when a Royal Canadian Air Force plane with 19 persons aboard crashed in the sea off the coast of British Columbia.

An Air Force spokesman said 10 of those aboard the plane were rescued successfully by a tug which rushed to the scene after the aircraft plunged into the ocean in Johnstone Strait, about 30 miles north of here.

He said three others were missing, however, and it was presumed they had drowned. The crash occurred at about 2.30 p.m. PST.

Rescued By Tug

The tug, the Western Challenger, was in the area at the time the plane went down. It threw a lifeline out to the passengers and crew of the downed craft and with the aid of the line brought them to safety aboard the vessel.

But, the spokesman said, three persons were still inside the plane when it slid beneath the choppy waters and sank.

The aircraft was identified by the RCAF as a Canco flying boat. Further details were temporarily withheld.

It was not known where the Canco was headed or what was the nature of its flight. —United Press.

Doctor Slain
In Surgery

Toronto, Nov. 24. An Ontario workmen's compensation board doctor was shot to death in his own office today while attending a patient.

Police arrested 49-year-old Robert Martin of Ottawa.

The Toronto orthopaedic consultant, Dr H. Hylton, was killed when he stepped from behind a screen after interviewing a patient. Patients in the slain doctor's office told the police Martin entered with a 30-30 calibre rifle protruding from his overcoat.

It was thought he was going hunting after seeing the doctor. A shot rang out a short time later and Dr Hylton fell to the floor in his receiving room.

Dr Hylton came to Canada from England. He had served in the British Army in Africa and had been cited for valiant action under fire.

Australian-born Hylton had worked in London's St Bartholomew's Hospital. —United Press.

"NOT SORE OR ANGRY OVER GENEVA"

Khrushchev Dilates
On Co-Existence

Bombay, Nov. 24. Mr Nikita Khrushchev, First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, said here today that the Soviet Union was neither sore nor angry over "the microscopic" results produced by the recent Geneva conference of Big Four foreign ministers.

Perhaps the time was not yet ripe for a solution of the problems, he said.

He was speaking at the Indo-Soviet Cultural Society's dinner. In a hard-hitting speech, Mr Khrushchev warned the western powers that they would get nowhere so long as they tried to speak from "a position of strength."

"We (the Soviet Union) are very sensitive to that phrase 'position of strength,'" he added.

For the first time since his arrival in India six days ago Khrushchev referred to "aggressive forces."

He devoted most of his speech to what he called "the inevitability of co-existence" between the capitalist and socialist systems. He however, made it clear he disliked the capitalist system and believed in superiority of the socialist system.

Wind Still Blowing In Faces

Dealing with the Geneva conference, Mr Khrushchev said the Soviet Union was neither sore nor angry over the "microscopic" results achieved by the four foreign ministers. Perhaps the time was not yet ripe for a solution of those problems, he said.

"Perhaps we have to wait till the Soviet Union's partners at the Geneva conference give up their efforts to speak from a position of strength. We are ready to wait. The wind is still blowing in our faces."

"We shall wait for better weather. When the time becomes ripe and when the time comes we should be able to solve these questions in the right way in the interests of the people," he said.

HAPPY OVER TONE

Khrushchev said he was happy over the tone of speeches made by some politicians in the West over the results of the Geneva conference. He did not identify them.

He said: "I was glad to note that those speeches were a little bit restrained. It means that they do not want to speak now frankly and openly in a manner which would rouse emotions between states. It means that there has to be co-existence," he said.

Six hundred guests including the Bombay Governor, Karkashna Mahab, and Bombay's Chief Minister, Morarji Desai, heard the Russian leader dilate on "inevitability of co-existence" between capitalist and socialist systems.

Khrushchev hailed Nehru's declaration that India would go on the path of socialism. The Soviet Union's conception of socialism, he said, was a bit different from the Indian but "we greet your intentions."

SOCIALISM

Addressing "the opposite side," Khrushchev said socialism was not asking anybody's permission to exist. "We exist as we are and we are going to defend our existence. If we have to ask anybody's permission to exist we will be crushed," he said.

Marshal Bulganin also spoke but Khrushchev made the main speech at the dinner and they drew repeated cheers when they spoke warmly of the friendship of the Indian people towards the Soviet.

The function was held on the lawn of the Western India Turf Club in Central Bombay which was brilliantly illuminated.

There were people in the world," said Khrushchev, who questioned the possibility of co-existence. A well-accepted answer would be that the child would be born. But born it would be. One could not avoid that happening." In

War Is
Declared
On British
Troops

Nicosia, Nov. 24. The anti-British underground tonight proclaimed warfare on the troops guarding this Mediterranean bastion and warned Cypriot citizens off the streets lest they get caught in cross-fire.

The warning from the Eoka terrorist movement followed ambush attacks that killed two more British sergeants as they went about their duties today.

The Communist-supported Eoka said it intends to "ambush and engage British soldiers whenever possible."

The attacks were almost immediately described, except for soldiers and special police of Turkish ancestry.

An ambush killed one British sergeant today, as Tommy-gun armed terrorists surprised a small convoy. Another soldier was shot dead while walking along a road near here.

Shots And Explosion
Shots and an explosion rocked Famagusta tonight.

A bomb was thrown at a house containing the 64th Army education centre here. The blast blew down a wall.

A 16-year-old student from Famagusta's gymnasium was arrested while preparing to throw a bomb at a house occupied by a Briton.

Eoka warned villagers not to stray too far from home. "We know Greek-speaking British intelligence agents are operating in the forests," said the Eoka warning, "and you must expect to be dealt with on the spot if you stumble on our hideouts."

Bombs Thrown
Two bombs were thrown tonight at the house in Nicosia occupied by General Risler, a senior commander of the British troops in Cyprus. No casualties were caused.

Orders have been given to certain British troops to be armed when they leave barracks, and only to go out in groups, not singly. The order is a result of fatal attacks on two soldiers in Cyprus today. —United Press and France-Press.

Belfast To Honour
Churchill

Belfast, Nov. 24. Seven members of the Irish Labour Party boycotted a meeting of the city Corporation today when it was agreed to confer the Freedom of Belfast on Sir Winston Churchill.

The Freedom will be presented to the 80-year-old former Prime Minister in London next month by a delegation from the Corporation. —Reuter.

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Warning against sudden political changes

'OFTEN CONTRARY TO SINCERE FEELINGS'

Paris, Nov. 24. French Premier Edgar Faure said tonight that the Big Four foreign ministers conference in Geneva "had not marked a return to the situation of the preceding years," although it had failed to come up to "expectations."

Addressing a banquet given by the Paris branch of the American Legion to celebrate America's Thanksgiving Day, the guest of honour Edgar Faure warned against "sudden changes" in international politics which he said were often contrary to "sincere feelings." He added: "Diplomacy demands obstinacy and patience."

Cable & Wireless Chairman



Sir Godfrey Ince

London, Nov. 24. Sir Godfrey Ince, the 64-year-old retiring Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and National Service, has been appointed chairman of Cable and Wireless Limited, it was announced here tonight.

He will take up the post in succession to Major-General Sir Leslie Nicholls on February 1. Sir Godfrey will begin with Cable and Wireless shortly after his retirement from the civil service in January.

A statement tonight said that Sir Godfrey would "not be called upon to devote his whole time to the chairmanship as the Cable and Wireless management had been recently strengthened by the appointment of Mr. H. H. Eggers as an additional managing director."

RAF VALIANT FOR A-TESTS

London, Nov. 24. A Royal Air Force squadron will take part in atomic manoeuvres for the first time at the tests scheduled for next April in the Monte Bello islands off the west coast of Australia. The tests are the third to be staged so far by Britain. The RAF planes, including a Valiant swept-wing atom bomb carrier, will be manned by specially-trained crews comprising flying personnel, scientists and doctors.

Paris, Nov. 24. French and Japanese citizens will be able to visit each other's countries without a visa for periods of up to three months after December 1, this year, it was announced here tonight.

M. Faure praised the optimistic lead given by President Eisenhower at the July Four-Power "summit" conference. He insisted that disarmament should be the central theme of peace.

The French Premier said: "Many of us and also many Germans hoped that rearmament of the West German Republic, as provided for in the Paris accords, could be avoided and that Germany would remain the first disarmed power." If this had been possible other powers could in turn have followed suit, he added.

United Europe

M. Faure said one of his government's main objectives was the construction of a united Europe. "It is of small concern whether the framework chosen is a six-power, seven-power, nine-power or 15-power Europe," he added.

The French Premier insisted that French-German relations were the "corner-stone" of this European construction. He said both French and German governments regretted the rejection of the European statute for the Saar by popular referendum but both accepted the Saarlanders' verdict.

"France," he said, "has the firm belief that it will be possible to find a solution to the Saar question with West Germany that takes into account France's rights and respects her economic interests in the Saar."

A Warning

Such a solution, M. Faure said, should "make the Saar the site for an economic association between the French and German people instead of a subject of dispute."

He warned against "Nationalist agitation" in the Saar, which he said would "at the same time prejudice the German Federal Republic's authority and prove harmful to a settlement of the Saar question."

M. Faure said that France intended to pursue her policy of bringing the "benefits of modern civilisation" to Tunisia and Morocco, while at the same time leading these countries along the road to self-government. He added that "this evolution should be carried forward in an orderly fashion, respecting the interests of all concerned."

Walkout Justified

Turning to the Algerian question, the French Premier justified France's decision to walk out of the United Nations General Assembly, rather than allow "an unjustified interference in her domestic affairs," by peoples who were "still taking their first steps along the road of democracy."

Hen 'Egg' 'Cels Herself



An 8-month-old Light Sussex Rhode Island Red Hen belonging to Mr. J. Gallagher of Saltash (Cornwall) has always laid double-yolked eggs—it has never laid an egg with a single yolk. Now, however, it has surprised itself by laying an outside egg, 3½ inches long and 7½ inches in circumference which weighs 5 ozs. Picture shows: Mr. Gallagher at his Saltash home with his hen which has laid an outside egg, seen in the picture in comparison with a hen's egg of normal size.—Express Photo.

US Wants Postponement Of Decision On Self-Determination

United Nations, Nov. 24.

The United States warned the United Nations today against any decisions on self-determination that might strike at international aid programme for underdeveloped countries by raising fears of expropriation or loss of rights by investors.

Mrs. Oswald B. Lord of the US spoke in the UN Social Committee debate on self-determination—the right of people to choose their own political, economic, cultural and social status.

Elections Soonest Says Faure

Paris, Nov. 24. French Premier Edgar Faure told reporters here this evening that his government's primary objective in the electoral controversy remained the same: To hold general elections as soon as possible.

M. Faure said: "We must have a decision, both on the date of the elections and on the electoral system, even if it is not in conformity with the beliefs and wishes of the government."

The Premier said he would await the recommendations of the National Assembly's Electoral Committee before deciding how and when to risk his government's life in another confidence vote.

He said he hoped the committee would act quickly so that the electoral debate could be resumed in the Assembly "at the latest by next week."

M. Faure was addressing reporters after a series of restricted Cabinet meetings at which the Saar problem and domestic political questions were discussed.—France-Press.

Directing attention to clauses in the self-determination article, in the draft covenant on human rights, Mrs. Lord stressed that even revisions in the wording had not yet made it "sufficiently clear to avoid raising fears with respect to expropriation or impairment of legal or property rights."

Bear Burden

She noted that the US cannot compel private investments in other countries, and that the government of capital importing countries must bear the burden of "encouraging the flow of capital."

She supported Denmark's proposal that the question of adopting a human rights article on self-determination be postponed to allow time for further examination of the whole complex question. If postponed is not granted, she said, the US recommended that the clause referring to economic questions should be dropped.—United Press.

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★ SOVEREIGNTY OVER DUTCH NEW GUINEA ★

Australia Still Supporting Holland

No Plans Concerning
Co-Operation
With Indonesia

The Hague, Nov. 24.

Authoritative Dutch sources said here tonight that the Netherlands had received assurances from Australia that its support of Netherlands sovereignty over Dutch New Guinea remained unchanged.

The Dutch Government asked Australia recently for clarification on a joint communique issued by Mr Richard Casey, Australian Minister for External Affairs and his Indonesian colleague, Mr Anak Agung, in which they said that "the problem of Dutch New Guinea must be dealt with through peaceful talks."

The clarification was necessary because this statement could have been taken as meaning that Australia no longer supported the principle of Holland's sovereignty over Dutch New Guinea which Indonesia claims as part of its Republic, the sources said.

A Dutch Foreign Office spokesman tonight flatly denied that Mr Utoyo Ramelan, special Indonesian ambassador here, had made any proposals concerning a plan for co-operation with the Netherlands in Dutch New Guinea.

The spokesman was commenting on a foreign press agency report that Mr Ramelan proposed in talks here that Indonesia should not continue to lay immediate claim to Dutch New Guinea but co-operate with Holland in the defence and development of the disputed area.

Definitely Untrue

"This is definitely untrue and would in any case be basically unacceptable to Holland," the spokesman said.

He stressed that Mr Ramelan, who continued his talks with Mr Joseph Luns, Dutch Foreign Minister without portfolio today, was here to discuss the agenda time and place for future ministerial conference between Holland and Indonesia to improve their relations.

Official Dutch sources said today talks were mainly concerned with financial and economic problems which could figure on the agenda of later talks.—Reuters.

LEGAL AID
TALKS

The Hague, Nov. 24. **NETHERLANDS** and Indonesian negotiations here have nearly settled the question of legal aid for Dutch nationals imprisoned in Djakarta, official Indonesian sources said today.

These sources said a settlement on the problem should be announced from Djakarta shortly, together with a solution for the case of the Netherlands policeman, Von Krielen, who was kidnapped from New Guinea by Indonesian infiltrators.

The talks here are aimed at setting the date, site and agenda of projected Netherlands-Indonesian negotiations at ministers' level.

However, the Indonesian special ambassador, Mr Utoyo Ramelan, who arrived on November 19 for the talks, has postponed his departure till next week because of lack of progress in the over-all negotiations.—France-Press.

Claims To Large

Maritime Areas

Shipowners

Condemn

Action

London, Nov. 24.

The Standing Committee of the International Chamber of Shipping met in London yesterday and agreed that it was important for shipowners internationally to make known their condemnation of the claims made to wide maritime areas by certain nations.

The International Chamber of Shipping represents shipowners of 18 maritime countries owning nearly 60,000,000 gross tons of merchant shipping. Those present at yesterday's committee meeting included representatives from the Scandinavian countries, India, France, the Netherlands, the United States, and Britain.

Among the matters discussed were the recent report of the International Law Commission on territorial waters and the related topics of "the regime of the high seas" and "the conservation of the living resources of the sea."

The Standing Committee also considered the growth of tonnage under what is now commonly known as "flags of convenience." A detailed study of this will be made and reported to the full meeting of the International Chamber of Shipping to be held early next year.—United Press.

Ex-President
Wants His
Job Back

Rio de Janeiro, Nov. 24.

President Joao, Cafe Filho today expressed hope the Supreme Court will back him in his fight to reassume his office despite the decision of Congress to deny him that right.

The Supreme Court is now considering a possible injunction against the congressional decision to consider Senator Cerveira for the presidency which he voluntarily relinquished because of heart trouble.

Political observers thought it possible an initial opinion on the injunction petition may be presented to the court at its next regular session on Wednesday.

Service Unity

Meanwhile, however, the Diario de Noticias published an interview with Senator Cerveira in which he quoted him as saying that if and when he returns to the presidency he will neither restore his former cabinet nor maintain the present cabinet of Acting President Nery Lima.

"The objective of my return to the presidency would be the restoration of unity in the armed forces and pacification of the country's political life," he said.—United Press.



Three men of the South Staffordshire Regiment stand guard at the front entrance to the Samuel School in Nicolsa which has been closed by order of Field Marshal Sir John Harding following demonstrations by the schoolboys. The school is one of the largest and oldest in Nicolsa.—United Press Photo.

EARL OF HOME REVIEWS TOUR

PROFOUND FAITH IN
COMMONWEALTH

London, Nov. 24.

Britain's Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, the Earl of Home, said today that in his recent tour of five Commonwealth countries he found a profound faith in them all in the great influence of the Commonwealth for good in world affairs.

There was also an essential agreement and unity among these members of the Commonwealth based on a way of life which insisted on individual freedom, the observance of common law, impartial justice and freedom of the press.

There was a unanimous wish too, that the United Kingdom could remain economically and otherwise fit to play a part in the Commonwealth.

The Earl of Home was speaking at a joint meeting of the East India Association, the Pakistan Society and the Royal Society of Arts on his tour in which he visited New Zealand, Australia, Ceylon, India and Pakistan.

Colombo Plan

The Earl of Home said as far as his resources allowed New Zealand and Australia were giving assistance in the development of India, Ceylon and Pakistan through the Colombo Plan.

The Colombo Plan proved that Commonwealth co-operation was not just a theoretical exercise but that it "produced the goods." He said: "One is struck by the enormous authority that India has acquired especially in Asia in recent years and the opportunity there is for India to give

a decisive lead to other Asian countries."

The Earl of Home said that there was identity of objective among Commonwealth countries in their foreign policies—all were seeking peace.

Sincerely Believe

The foreign policies of all the Commonwealth countries except India could be described as that of a strength and conciliation.

The Indians sincerely believed that foreign policy should be all conciliation and that in particular the organisation of regional pacts was not of assistance in the seeking of peace.—Reuters.

Nationalists
Receive
Monk's Relics

Tokyo, Nov. 24.

The relics of an ancient Chinese Buddhist saint were formally handed over to a Nationalist Chinese delegation today.

The transfer was made at a brief, but impressive Buddhist ceremony at the Jion-ji temple at Iwatsuki in Saitama prefecture near Tokyo.

Disposal of the saint's remains of the monk, Hsueh Chueh, sparked a heated dispute between the capitals of Nationalist China and Communist China.

Peiping Radio had repeatedly claimed right to the relics and attacked Japan for deciding in favour of the Nationalists.

The relics were brought to Japan during World War II by a Japanese monk and were held in a temple in Tokyo until 1945.

Red Leaders' Afghanistan
Visit Causes Concern

Karachi, Nov. 24.

Some Western diplomats here are uneasy about the coming visit to Afghanistan of Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the Soviet Prime Minister, and his colleague, Mr Nikita Khrushchev. They wonder whether Afghanistan will draw closer to the Soviet Union, especially now that she has quarrelled again with pro-Western Pakistan.

The quarrel, they say, is Afghanistan's fault. But Pakistan might have done more to prevent it. It is an old one, over the fate of about 3,500,000 war-like semi-nomads living in the barren hills and valleys on the Pakistan side of the Durand Line, which was the Indian-Afghan frontier and is now the Pakistan-Afghan frontier.

Afghanistan claims that the cultural similarities with these people separated from the Afghan borders by an agreement which, they say, British imposed upon her.

So far as the Afghan complaint, Pakistan has refused to withdraw its troops from the border area, and has refused to allow the Afghan tribes to return to their homes.

He had been in charge of the Embassy in the long absence of the Ambassador.

GIRL NEARLY
DRAFTED

Paris, Nov. 24.

A young French girl, who was almost drafted into the army by this age, was seeking a court order today to prove she is really one of the fair sex.

The girl, Marie Claude Molinet, was declared "fit for the service" in absentia when she failed to appear for a physical examination after receiving a summons from her draft board. Investigation showed Marie Claude had been registered as a boy on her birth certificate.—France-Press.

'Sex Replacing
Christian
Faith'

London, Nov. 25.

Sex is replacing the Christian faith as the main driving force in conventional society, a Church of England Moral Welfare Council official said today.

A pamphlet published by the Council warned that the Church should be responsible for seeing that sex was rightly used and guided.

For uncontrolled, it had "a destructive power comparable only with its constructive power when rightly used."

The author, the Rev. W.P. Wylie, a Council lecturer, said that the Christian faith had long since ceased to be the driving force of society and when faith decayed it must inevitably be replaced by sex.

Discussing the Church's relation to sex, marriage and the family in Christian life, Mr Wylie said: "Only the Christian religion can put sex in its proper and God-given place, and only the Christian religion can provide the grace to live out in practice what this implies."

If It Cared

If the Church showed that it cared about questions like marriage, divorce, nullity, homosexuality and marriage, it might count on a hearing from "tens of thousands of people who would never otherwise heed its voice."

Mr Wylie said there was a time when the most pressing problem was that of the unmarried mother. Today it was more likely to be the broken marriage.

Both problems sprang from lack of understanding of the real meaning of sex and marriage. "It is no use for the Church to play ostrich and merely condemn divorce," he said.

Not Accepted

Outside the Church, young people no longer accepted the idea that marriage was permanent. That must have the effect of weakening the foundations upon which any modern marriage was built.

Young people were anxious to have problems of behaviour explained to them for the changes in social convention had led not to new certainties, but only to vast and bewildering uncertainty.—China Mail Special.



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THE INTERPORT MATCH

A FEAST OF GOOD CRICKET STARTS TOMORROW, MAY ONLY LAST TWO DAYS

By "RECORDER"

The Hongkong Cricket Association v. Malaya Cricket Association match starts tomorrow morning at Chater Road. Three days are allotted to this match, but if the bowlers remain on top, as they have done through the earlier games of the Malayan visit, the match may well be over by Sunday afternoon.

The two teams are strong in all-rounders and well matched. With the exception of Stanton, all Hongkong's bowlers have done very well in the earlier matches. Hongkong's batsmen have also not found any great difficulty in scoring off the Malayan bowlers, though it must be borne in mind that Pearce, Souza and Pritchard, on whom much will depend, have not faced Nagiah and Kailasapathy, while Major Howard-Dobson has yet to open his account.

Soccer League Standings

The following are the League Soccer standings up to and including Nov. 20, 1955:

| First Division | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|----------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Eastern | 12 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 47 | 12 | 20 |
| South China | 12 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 28 | 24 | 21 |
| Sing Tao | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 24 | 21 | 18 |
| K.M.B. | 12 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 22 | 19 | 17 |
| C.A.A. | 12 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 20 | 24 | 14 |
| Kitchener | 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 13 | 13 |
| St. Joseph's | 12 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 27 | 42 | 10 |
| R.A.F. | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 27 | 29 | 9 |
| Army | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 29 | 31 | 9 |
| Navy | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 29 | 31 | 9 |
| Kwong Wah | 12 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 10 | 29 | 5 |
| Police | 12 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 19 | 52 | 2 |
| Club | 12 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 14 | 68 | 1 |

| Second Division | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| K.M.B. | 12 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 41 | 10 | 20 |
| Kitchener | 12 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 37 | 18 | 19 |
| Jardines | 12 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 28 | 14 | 19 |
| South China | 12 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 24 | 22 | 18 |
| Eastern | 12 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 30 | 10 | 15 |
| Sing Tao | 12 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 33 | 14 | 14 |
| C.A.A. | 12 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 20 | 25 | 14 |
| Army | 12 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 20 | 25 | 8 |
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| Tung Wah | 12 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 19 | 41 | 6 |
| Police | 12 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 19 | 41 | 6 |
| Club | 12 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 6 | 60 | 0 |

| Third Division | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| H.A.M. | 9 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 33 | 15 | 13 |
| Princes | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 11 | 12 |
| K.M.B. | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 12 | 12 |
| C.A.A. | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 12 | 11 |
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| Little Swan | 9 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 17 | 20 | 11 |
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| Lockwood | 9 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 20 | 9 |
| Gymnastics | 9 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 22 | 7 |
| Telephones | 9 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 22 | 7 |
| R.E.M.F. | 9 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 22 | 6 |
| Solicitors | 9 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 24 | 4 |
| Dairy Farm | 9 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 6 | 30 | 0 |

| Fourth Division | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| B. & S. | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 46 | 10 | 15 |
| United Works | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 29 | 9 | 15 |
| H.K. Airways | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 20 | 11 | 11 |
| R.I.L. | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 7 | 10 |
| Tomat | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 9 | 9 |
| Caroline Hill | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 24 | 14 | 8 |
| Hollandia | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 10 | 9 |
| Watsons | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 12 | 9 |
| Kin Gowans | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 14 | 17 | 6 |
| University | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 11 | 20 | 2 |
| Dowdell | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 28 | 2 |
| Lane Crawford | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 17 | 1 |
| Redifusion | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 36 | 0 |

GAME POSTPONED

The First Division League match between Sing Tao and Navy, scheduled for Saturday, November 26, at the Club ground has been postponed.

MELBOURNE GAMES

Italy Has No Financial Worries To Send Team

Rome, Nov. 24. Football pools will help send Italy's Olympic team to Melbourne next year.

The Italian Olympic Organisation has a monopoly in football pools in the country and share the big profits with the Italian Government. They provide regular subsidies to over 20 sporting federations—from bowls to clay pigeon shooting.

"We have no financial worries about our participation in the Melbourne games," a spokesman of the Italian Olympic Committee said tonight.

The Italians expect to send almost 100 athletes to Melbourne at a cost of 2,000,000 lire (£1,150) each, a total of at least £20,250.

Choice of athletes to make the trip will be made next June after a series of trials.

Italy will take part in at least 12 events at the games, —China Mail Special.

TKO Win

Paris, Nov. 24. French Middleweight boxer Germaine Ballarin beat Claude Millier of Tunisia on a technical knockout in the ninth round of a scheduled ten-round bout before a crowd of 10,000 at the Palais des Sports here tonight.

Ballarin, 27, of the French Olympic team, won the world title last year by knocking out the American champion, Rocky Marciano, in the 10th round of a 15-round bout.

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Hongkong Cricket Association:—T. A. Pearce (captain), Lt. H. S. Bedson, R. Bell, Cpl. M. Birley, Major P. Howard-Dobson, Lt. J. Lipscombe, G. H. P. Pritchard, G. A. Souza, I. L. Stanton, F/Sgt. N. Welch and Capt. W. N. Withall.

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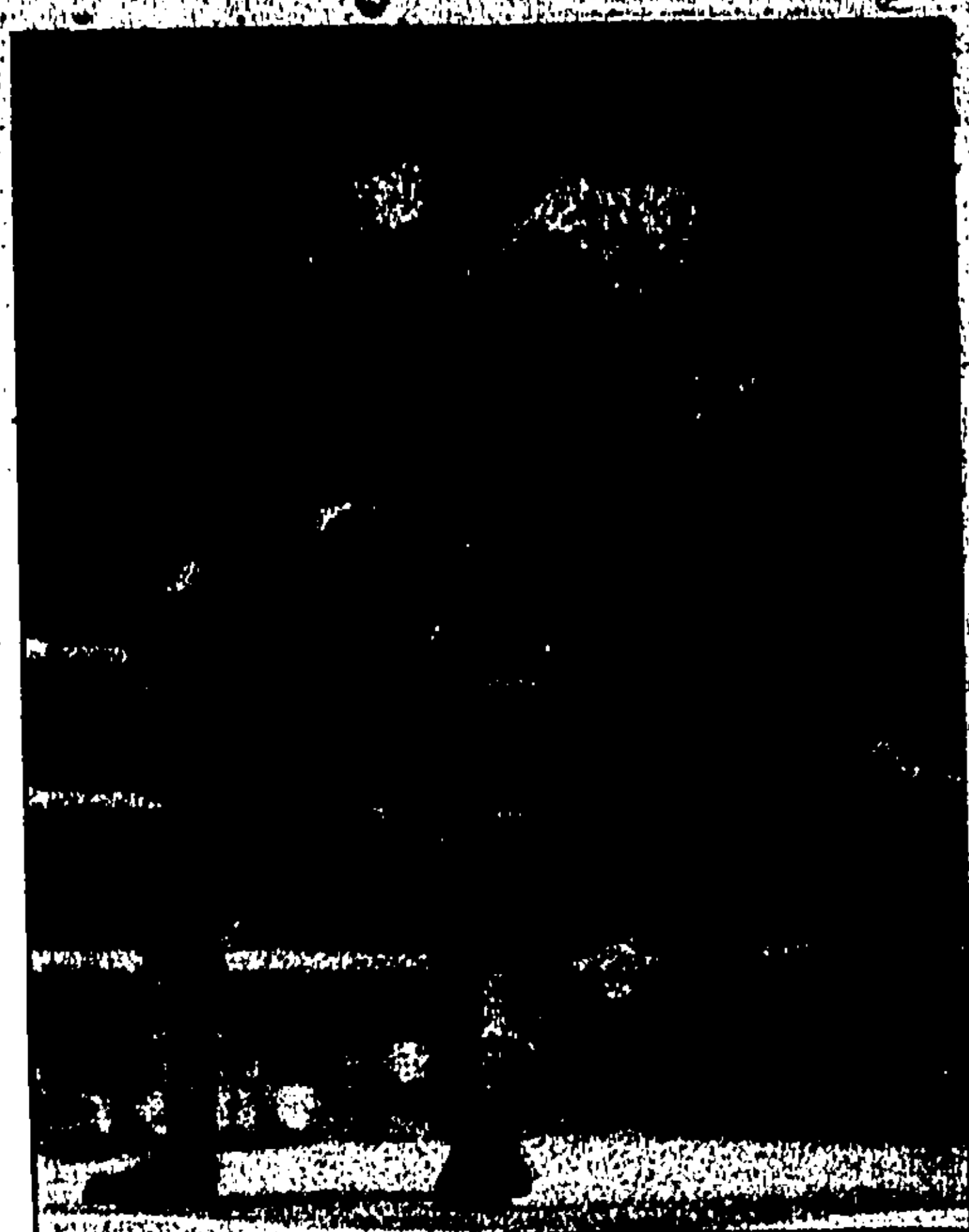
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POINTS DECISION



Joe Erskine (right) outpointed Henry Cooper of Billingham over 10 rounds at Harringay Arena, London on November 15.—Reuterphoto.

IT'S BARTON-FINCH FOR BRITISH TITLE

By SYDNEY HULLS

Ron Barton must fight Albert Finch, of Croydon, for the vacant British Light Heavyweight Championship before February 29, by order of the British Boxing Board of Control.

"We shall be pleased to carry out this order to the letter," said Barton's manager, Arthur Boggis.

"After 20 years as a manager, I've got my first British Champion—sorry, first boxer—to fight for a British Championship," he added.

"We'll fight you any time you like," says Finch's manager, Jack Burns, obviously a little displeased by Mr Boggis's premature possession of the title.

"How about a Tuesday in December?"

"How about Tuesday, January 10, gentlemen?" interposed promoter Jack Solomons. "It would go well with the World Light Heavyweight Championship between Archie Moore and Volande Pompa at Earl's Court."

Caution overcame Mr Boggis in a hurry. "Wait a minute," he pleaded.

"Ron is fighting Italian Alessandro D'Ottavio at Manchester, Canadian Gordon Wallace at Nottingham on November 29, and he's getting married on December 17."

"That makes nine fights and a wedding in one year. We shall begin preparing for the Championship fight in

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

SHARE PRICES

But Profit-taking Cuts Some Of The Gains STEADY AND FIRM AT CLOSE

By A Special Correspondent

Many shares tacked on gains of between three and five per cent in the share market this week as buyers followed up last week's rise.

The panel at the side shows that of the 17 leading issues, not one was lower, three were steady and fourteen were higher on the week.

A share index would possibly show that with the all-round improvement the market had one of its best weeks since last July. And the market is now almost back to the levels of November 3.

Profit-takers appeared on Tuesday and liquidation clipped some of the week's gains. This was followed by hesitancy on Wednesday and a rather dull market yesterday but shares closed in a fairly firm position with sellers unwilling to reduce their offers.

Brokers said in this column last week that they felt further liquidation was likely and that any recovery would be very gradual. I am told that Chinese investors like to buy on a rising market and doubtless they will now be waiting for fresh evidence of an upswing before deciding on their orders.

The field is wide open. My favourites are still Providents and Wheelocks. With Lands, Cements and utilities they should be the most favoured.

Wheelock's Meeting

I know investors who are anxiously waiting to hear the Chairman's report at the Wheelock's meeting on December 10. They are still hoping for an announcement of an interim dividend for 1955-56.

Lights will probably get good support following last week's announcement of an increased dividend. Ice House Street observers point out that Chinese investors favour these shares and others like them which have a good dividend record. Yields for these shares based on past or prospective dividends (in this case, Cements and Yauwatts) are: Providents 8.22 per cent, Wheelocks 8.47, Lands 5.78, Cements 10, Trams 6.7, Yauwatts 6.6, Lights 6, Electric 5.3 and Telephone 4.6.

Cements last year paid a total of \$4 including a bonus of \$1.50. Observers believe this year's distribution might total between \$3 and \$3.50. I understand they have done quite well this year but on current indications profits may be lower in 1956.

As I mentioned last week, Wheelocks ex dividend will be yielding 9.23 per cent on current rates.

The Hongkong Gas Company announced a 16 per cent interim dividend this week. Also, Allied Investors Corporation announced its maiden interim of 20 cents a share for the year to March 31, 1956. The shares climbed 10 cents to \$5.60 on the news but closed at \$5.55, up five cents on the week.

Last month I disclosed in this column that Wheelock Mardon, Allied Investors and the Commonwealth Investment Company who own about 85 per cent of the Gas Company shares were considering placing about 50 per cent of the issued shares on the market.

The intention is to sell the shares at a price which gives a return of about seven or eight per cent a share.

I learn that an announcement on the placement plan is now not likely to be made until next year. Earlier it was hoped that it would be finalised before the end of this year.

The only other market news of interest this week was the Macao Electric's bonus issue of one \$10 share for every four held. They are now quoted at \$9.20, ex bonus issue against \$11.00 nominal last week which leaves them fairly steady.

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I feel I owe my readers an apology for the paucity of news this week. Not only has it not been a particularly spectacular market, but I discovered yesterday that there were hardly any brokers in Ice House Street.

The Reason Why?

Concerned I made inquiries and was directed to the cricket match at Chater Road. I had visions of donning an umpire's coat to interview one gentleman holding at mid-off. But by the time I got there the match was over and the Ice House Street men had gone home.

The cricket may also account for Wednesday's and yesterday's small turnover, but the brokers would be the last to admit it, of course!

West German Industry Booming

Bonn, Nov. 24. West Germany's booming industrial production soared to its highest postwar level in October, the Bonn Government announced today.

The industrial production index reached 223 compared with a base figure of 100 in 1936. The last year before Hitler began all-out rearmament. This was four per cent higher than in September this year and 16 per cent higher than the same month a year ago. — United Press.

Czechs Offer Locomotives To Ceylon

Colombo, Nov. 24. Czechoslovakia has offered to supply Ceylon with railway locomotives and other rolling stock on a long-term credit basis, it was disclosed today.

A spokesman for the Czech trade delegation now negotiating with the Commerce Ministry said the offer was similar to deals made with India, Turkey, and Indonesia where large projects were launched on long-term credit.

Also under discussion was possible Czech participation in expansion of Ceylon's glass and ceramic industries. — United Press.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Nov. 24. The tin market was steady but quiet in the official morning session. Spot tin fell 2 1/2 to \$2775 and three months remained unchanged at \$2765 1/2.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

He's Not A Bit Like His Brother

HIS boyhood was spent somewhere in central Europe. His family was one of those that painstakingly had built a tradition of success and riches and local fame. The boyhood of Stephen and his brother was a happy one.

The politics exploded about the end of the prosperous family. Revolutionary committees took over their home and their home. The family was ordered to leave their country. Stephen and his brother came to England.

UP-DOWN

IN England Stephen's brother was a success almost from the start. The business world of London recognized his capabilities early. He started from scratch but over the years earned much regard that shrewd men spoke highly of any enterprise he had a hand in. He became a figure in the City.

With Stephen, things went otherwise. Where his brother had plunged into big business and small moves and failed—like a brother who tries cold water with a hot, and hesitates and is lost, while bolder spirits thrive. Stephen tried to become a big businessman like his brother. He seemed not to be able to put a foot right.

PRISON

HE went to Paris on business and got into trouble there over cheques that were not honoured. He came back to London and was almost at once in trouble again for clumsy efforts to obtain money by false pretences. In 1943, Stephen was indicted bankrupt. Presently he was being sent to prison again for attempting, as an undischarged bankrupt, to obtain credit above £10.

About that time, one court recommended Stephen for deportation. A follow sort of verdict for Stephen was by now one of those shadowy, luckless companies known officially as "Stateless Persons." There was nowhere to deport him to.

Stephen served his prison sentences, and each time he came out of prison began life again at a stage or two lower than he had left off living.

FAILURE

THE other day he again committed the crime of incurring a debt greater than £10, while still an undischarged bankrupt. The amount involved was £30 or so, and Stephen's brother stood surety for him when first he appeared to answer the charge at the Clerkenwell court. His brother did his best to produce Stephen the next time he was called to appear, but Stephen delayed matters by taking a large quantity of sleeping pills.

When he finally did appear, he pleaded guilty to the charge against him and his counsel rose to address the magistrate, Mr. Frank Powell.

"This man's brother," said counsel, "is a man of substance and importance in the business world. The defendant (he pointed

to Stephen) is an utter failure, aged 53 now.

CHARITABLE
"H" is in trouble now through taking the advice of someone who should have known better—a solicitor's clerk. Thoroughly bad advice, this man was given.

"This defendant is fortunate in this respect," counsel went on. "His family have come to his help in a very charitable way."

He went on to describe the advantages of the humble job that Stephen's family had found for him.

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Stricken Ship Sinks South Of Hongkong

The Hongkong-bound freighter, the Pakistani steamer Fakira, which sent out distress signals on Wednesday night because she was taking in water in a cargo hold, sank in the South China Sea at about midnight last night. It was learned this morning.

A TTT message (an urgent navigational warning to all ships) from the master of the Dutch tug Oost Zee was intercepted here at midnight stating the Fakira had sunk at the position of 13.27 degrees north and 113.54 degrees east.

The crew members of the Fakira abandoned the ship at 9 p.m. yesterday. Forty-five were taken on board the Liberian steamer Symphony and the captain of the ill-fated ship and six others were taken on board the Oost Zee.

The Symphony was the first ship to arrive in the vicinity of the Fakira after her SOS had been dispatched. The tug Oost Zee, which was on her way to Bangkok from Hongkong after towing in here last week a dredger and a pontoon for the airport extension scheme, also rushed to the Fakira to give assistance. Both the Symphony and the tug stood by until 9 p.m. when the former left the scene with 45 crew members of the Fakira. The tug remained there and its master, Captain M. A. Engels, sent out the message when the Fakira finally sank.

CONTINUES VOYAGE
It was not known this morning where the Symphony would proceed to with the Fakira's crew.

However, a message from the Oost Zee, received by Dodwell and Company, local agents for the tug, this morning said that the Oost Zee is continuing her trip to Bangkok.

The Fakira, of 6,771 tons, was owned by the East and West Steamship Company of Karachi. She was formerly the City of Omaha and Alba and was built in Wilmington in 1920.

The Symphony (7,253 tons) is owned by the Marit Shipping Company of Monrovia and the tug Oost Zee belongs to Messrs L. Smit, famous Dutch towing company in Rotterdam.

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Col. J. A. Dawson, CBE, Chief of Staff, with his wife and daughter, pictured before they left the Colony this morning.—Staff Photographer.

ACQUITTAL OF NINE SEAMEN

Ship's Master Appeals Against Decision

An appeal by way of a case stated against the decision of a Marine Magistrate who acquitted nine Dutch seamen of the British vessel ss Poplar Hill on charges of insubordination and continuous neglect of duty was brought before Mr Justice T. J. Gould, Senior Puisne Judge, at the Appeal Court this morning.

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The fourth respondent admitted did some work on October 16, and the second and eighth respondents did bit of work on the 17th. But as regards all the rest, Mr. Cheung said, "the facts showed they neglected their duties within the meaning of section 225 (1) (c) of the Merchant Shipping Act."

PROPER PROCEDURE
Counsel said Section 225 laid down that when an offence was committed by a seaman, that should be entered in the ship's official log book. If it was intended to impose a fine for misconduct, a proper procedure was followed.

The entry was read over to the crew member in question, who had the right to make a reply. That reply must also be entered in the log book. In the present case, Mr. Cheung said, when the respondents failed to work, the appropriate entries of the log

Rice: Civic Association's Reply To Government

The Civic Association this morning replied to the Colonial Secretary's letter of 19th November informing the Association that the present system of rice importation would be continued in 1956.

The Association's reply reads in part as follows:

Chief Justice's Appointment Gazetted

The official appointment of Hongkong's new Chief Justice was published in the Government Gazette today.

The announcement stated: "Her Majesty the Queen, having been pleased to approve the appointment of Mr. Michael Joseph Patrick Hogan, CMG, to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of this Colony in succession to the late Sir Gerard Lewis Howe, H.E., the Governor, in accordance with the instructions in that behalf from the Rt. Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has by Letters Patent under the Public Seal appointed the said Mr. M. J. P. Hogan to be the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hongkong."

Other Government appointments gazetted were: Mr. J. G. Robertson, Senior Radiographer, to be Superintendent Radiographer; Dr. Chang Shiu-sig and Chen Shih-liang to be Medical Officers; Drs. Porcia Sheen, Luan Ju-chien and Wong Hing-ching to be Woman Medical Officers; Mr. M. Williams, Sub-Inspector, to be Acting Assistant Superintendent of Police; Dr. S. H. Moore to be Acting Senior Medical Officer, vice Dr. G. C. Franklin.

RESUMES DUTIES
It was also notified that Mr. C. W. Sandison, Senior Education Officer, resumed duties on return from leave, vice Mr. C. W. Watson.

Mr. Justice T. J. Gould ceased to act as Chief Justice on the arrival of Mr. Hogan, and has taken over his former duties as Senior Puisne Judge, vice Mr. Justice J. P. Gregg. Mr. A. D. Scholtes has ceased to act as Puisne Judge on the resumption of duty by Mr. Gregg.

Mr. R. Winslip, Deputy Director of Civil Aviation, resumed his duties on returning from leave, vice Mr. E. S. Hewson, Chief Air Traffic Control Officer. Mr. F. R. J. Lillywhite has resumed his duties as Air Traffic Control Officer, vice Mr. E. S. Hewson.

Mr. E. F. Warburton, Chief Health Inspector, has ceased to act as Assistant Superintendent of Sanitary Services on resumption of duty of Mr. White.

Italian Minister Coming Here
After his official visit to Japan and on his way to an official visit to Thailand, the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Hon. Gaetano Martino, is expected to arrive in Hongkong by air next Tuesday. He will leave Hongkong for Bangkok by air on December 1.

The visit to Hongkong of the Minister is a private one. H.E. Minister Martino is travelling with Mrs. Martino. They will be guests at Government House of H.E. the Governor and Lady Grantham.

Members of the Mission of the Italian Foreign Minister are the following diplomats: Minister Plenipotentiary Bartolomeo Migone, Minister Plenipotentiary Count Massimo Magistrati (who is travelling with Countess Magistrati), Minister Plenipotentiary Marquis Raimondo Giustiniani, and Prof. Mari Tescano.

On Establishment
H.E. the Governor has approved the confirmation of the following Government officers to the permanent and pensionable establishment, it was announced today: Dr. G. Cheng Kwok-kan (medical officer), Mr. M. A. Burley (dental surgeon), Mr. J. W. Lucas (assessor), and Mr. J. W. D. Hobley (Crown Counsel).

Air Advisory Board
H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr. B. C. Lee and Mr. Y. Y. Tsui to be Members of the Air Advisory Board for a period of two years.

"We refer to your letter of 10th November in which you assured this Association that Government is in full agreement with the general principle that trade in rice should be free. "We have noted Government's decision to continue the present system in 1956 with such minor modifications as experience may show desirable and practicable. You have also given assurance to the public that the regulation of the rice trade by Government will be maintained only so long as is necessary in the interest of public security.

"This Association disapproves with Government's statement that the present system is not one of monopoly. The number of importers in the pre-war era is not relevant, and it is indeed possible that the number would be smaller if free competition were now permitted but prices would be substantially lower. So long as the number of importers is limited to 29 importers, who have the sole right to import rice for 2,500,000 people, the rice trade must be considered as being in the nature of a monopoly.

A POSSIBILITY
"Under the existing system, it is possible for a quota holder to act as a nominal importer without having to offer his rice to the wholesale or retail trade; a so-called nominal importer may, for instance, be able to import rice at the request of a non-quota firm for a fee of say 3% to 4%. We would ask that Government take steps to ensure that all quota-holders are importing rice on their own account for direct distribution either to the wholesale or retail trade.

"A weakness of the present system is the danger of collusion in the rice trade arising from the fact that the 29 importers deal almost exclusively through 39 wholesalers. Under the circumstances, it is quite possible for the 39 wholesalers, if they so wish, to collect a uniform surcharge of 20 cents on each picul of rice handed down to the retailers. The 1,200-odd retailers in Hongkong would, if so requested, have no alternative but to pay this uniform surcharge, otherwise their supply of rice for sale to the public could be jeopardized.

A REQUEST
"Representations have been made to the Civic Association by the Hongkong & Kowloon Rice Merchants' Union, whose members comprise approximately 1,000 rice retailers, to the effect that under the existing 'closed' system, they are at the mercy of the 39 wholesalers, whom they must depend for their supply of rice to sell to the public. They have requested us approach Government to enquire whether Government could not use its good offices to encourage the 29 quota holders

to sell their rice not only to the stricken ranks of middlemen but also direct to the retail trade as well. If Government does not at this stage consider it advisable to liberalise the rice import trade, the least it can do is to encourage the liberalising of the present system of rice distribution."

Judge Reserves Decision

Mr Justice Gregg in the Supreme Court this morning reserved his decision on the question of domicile raised in divorce proceedings between Mrs. May-yuk Fok of 5 Village Terrace and her husband Poyun Fok of 82 Robinson Road.

Mrs. Fok brought a petition for the dissolution of her marriage to Fok whom she married in October, 1945 in Los Angeles.

After husband brought an action before Mr Justice Gregg for the dismissal of this petition on the ground that he was a Portuguese subject of Macao birth and that he was not domiciled in Hongkong. He contested the Court's jurisdiction to hear the divorce petition.

Mr. Brook Barnacell, instructed by Mr. J. J. Griffiths, represented the husband (plaintiff) and Mr. Richard White, instructed by Mr. A. S. C. Comber, represented the wife (defendant).

Today's Police Reports

The Public Relations Office this morning issued the following Police reports: An elderly Chinese woman suffered slight injuries yesterday afternoon when she was knocked down by a motor cycle in Hennessy Road near its junction with Stewart Road. The woman was treated at Queen Mary Hospital but was not detained.

EAR-RINGS SNATCHED
Early this morning, a Chinese woman had both her ear-rings snatched in Tung Choi Street, Mongkok district. The value of the ear-rings was \$20.

SUSPECTS HELD
The Police have detained suspects in connection with two cases of larceny from the person which occurred in Kowloon yesterday. In the first case, a Chinese girl had her pocket picked of a fountain pen at a bus stop in Waterloo Road, while in the second, a Chinese woman lost a wristlet watch.

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